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FOIPA Request No.: 1347441-000
Subject: International Spy Museum

Dear Mr. Best:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions:

Section 552

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50 USC § 3024 (j)(1)

☐ (b)(4)

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Section 552a

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4 pages were reviewed and 4 pages are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].

☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.

☐ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

☐ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request. Your patience is appreciated.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, enclosed is a processed copy of the responsive documents.

The enclosed responsive documents represent the final release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

AG-012 (Our No. [redacted])
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Re: International Spy Museum

Reference is made to your communication dated 23 Juli 2001, your number Z-ND/01.

The International Spy Museum is a for-profit venture organized by a private company. The company is legitimate and currently operates a popular museum in Cleveland, Ohio, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. With the Spy Museum, the company plans to establish the largest permanent exhibition of espionage. Currently, there is tour in Washington, D.C. which takes people to places made public by judicial proceedings, where past spies like CIA Officer Aldrich Ames and FBI Agent Robert Hanssen met their KGB handlers. Attached is a copy of the Affidavit in Support of Arrest and Search Warrants against Hanssen, as an example of a public document where a lot of information is made public. (Interestingly, Vienna, Austria appears on pages 31 and 49 of this document). The Spy Museum plans to be an extension of this tour, which will start and finish at the Museum when construction is completed.

The Museum is not a part of the Smithsonian Institution or other U.S. Government-sponsored learning facility.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 8/9/01 4:10PM
Subject: Re: International Spy Museum

Talked to Mike Kortan at the press office and said it is a for real deal. There is currently a spy tour that takes you around various historical sites in the city. The tour will start and end at the Museum in the future. It is a private venture. Who knew FCI could be so exciting.

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Thanks for your help. The number I gave was the fax #. The telephone # is 202-393-7798. I called them and found out they are a for-profit group (run by the same people who did the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame) and they want to creat the largest permanent exhibition of material related to espionage. I wonder if any OPCA types would know if we have cooperated in any way?

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In der Beilage übermitteln wir Ihnen ein Schreiben des International Spy Museum, in welchem das Ersuchen an uns gerichtet wurde, ein Wappen bzw. Emblem unseres Dienstes zur Verfügung zu stellen.

Wir bitten Sie uns mitzuteilen, ob es sich bei dieser Organisation um eine tatsächlich existierende bzw. um eine seriöse Institution handelt.

Für eine rasche Antwort wären wir Ihnen dankbar.

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June 14, 2001

Bundesministerium fur Inneres
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Austria



To Whom It May Concern:

The International Spy Museum, currently under construction in Washington, D.C., will celebrate the history and intrigue of spies and espionage. Developed by the Malrite Company of Cleveland, Ohio, the Museum will open in the spring of 2002. Enclosed you will find background information about the project as well as the qualifications of our advisors, designers, and development team. The museum has already received the support and endorsement from the Government of the District of Columbia, the District of Columbia Public School Board and international agencies from around the world,

Earlier this year we contacted foreign embassies in Washington, DC requesting permission to incorporate their intelligence agencies crests in our exhibits. As outlined in the attached letter, the Austrian Embassy advised us to contact you directly.

We are writing to introduce you to our project and request approval for incorporating the Bundesministerium fur Inneres Crest as part of the educational exhibitions within the museum. The content of the museum is truly international in scope and we would like to display official seals from as many of the intelligence agencies from around the world as possible.

If you are in agreement, we would appreciate it if you would provide camera-ready art that we can use to develop uniform, three-dimensional crests for display within the museum.

We are available to provide any additional information you may require to facilitate your decision. Your favorable response to this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Petr L. Spurney, Sr.
Vice President of Operations
Enclosures